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SUBJ: MANAGEMENT LOCK-IN AT FIRESTONE PORTUGUESA SARL

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1. MANAGEMENT OFFICERS AT FIRESTONE CONTINUE TO BE LOCKED IN. LABOR MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE HAS VISITED FACTORY AND SPOKEN WITH THEM AND WITH WORKER DELEGATES. VIRTUALLY NO FORWARD MOVEMENT TOWARD AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE. AT LABOR MINISTRY REQUEST, FIRESTONE MANAGERS IN LISBON TRAVELED TO MINISTRY'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN SETUBAL TO MEET WITH UNION DELEGATES, BUT ONLY AFTER STIPULATING THAT LABOR MINISTRY WOULD INSURE PARTICIPATION OF SEQUESTERED OFFICERS. WHEN TIME FOR MEETING ARRIVED, UNION DELEGATES ANNOUNCED THAT SEQUESTERED OFFICERS HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO LEAVE FACTORY. THEY ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT OFFICERS WOULD BE RELEASED IF MEETING WERE HELD AT FACTORY. MANAGEMENT REFUSED TO ACCEDE ON GROUNDS THAT UNDERSTANDING HAD BEEN BROKEN. MANAGEMENT OFFICERS FEARED, MOREOVER, THAT THEY WOULD ALSO BE LOCKED IN.

2. EMBASSY HAS REGISTERED ITS CONCERN WITH MINISTRIES

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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LABOR, INDUSTRY AND FINANCE. IT HAS

NOT MADE FORMAL DEMARCHE NOR ASKED FOR POLICE INTERVENTION.
LOCAL COMPANY MANAGEMENT STILL PREFERS TO RESOLVE ISSUE
THROUGH DISCUSSIONS RATHER THAN THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE.
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